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JAPANESE CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES

- I. Difference between Democrats (Hatoyama) and Liberals (Yoshida-Ogata) one of degree, not substance.
 - A. Hatoyama and his followers were Liberals only 4 months ago.
- II. Both parties anti-Communist, both favor close ties with US, both place economic rehabilitation ahead of rearmament, both favor some return of the old traditions.
- III. Democratic Leadership
 - A. More positive in promoting trade and diplomatic relations with Orbit.
 - B. More nationalistic.
 - C. Democrats traditionally represent small, medium business; favor controlled economy.

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IV. Liberal Leadership

- A. More cautious in dealing with Orbit.
- B. Favors expansion of China trade, but less enthusiastic. Emphasizes expansion of trade with SEA.
- C. Represents big business; laissezfaire economy.